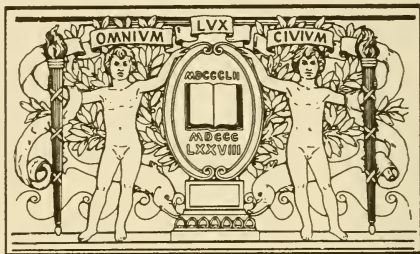


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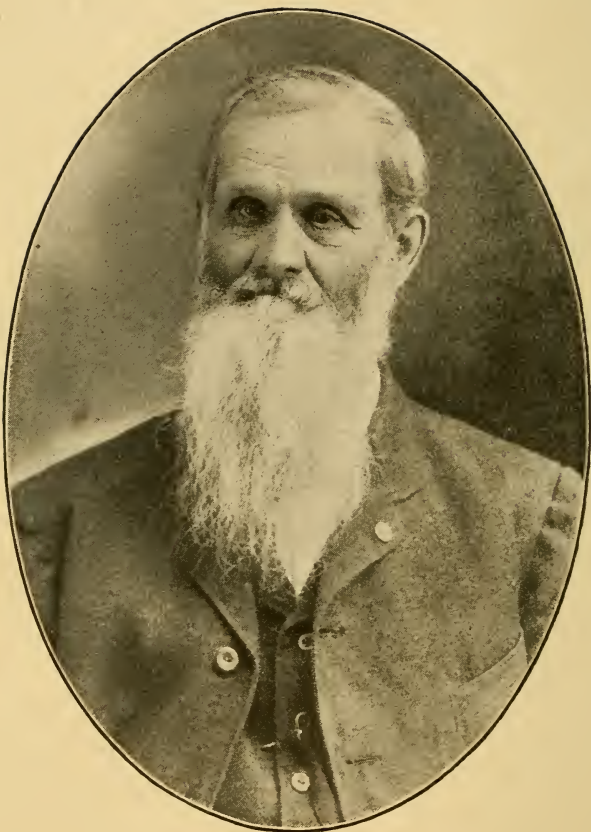
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ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

ANSEL FORD

AND

DEBORAH (TOWER) FORD

OF

CUMMINGTON, MASS.

AND A

SHORT HISTORY OF
CUMMINGTON IN AN EARLY DAY

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PREFACE.

This book is published with the hope that many of the Ford family will be interested in knowing of their ancestry, and with the desire to promote acquaintance among relatives who are widely scattered.

The ancestry of Ansel Ford is given as far as can be ascertained from the Probate Records of Boston and Plymouth, town records of Weymouth and Abington, Mass., and other sources.

It is not customary to give the ancestry of two families in one record, but as Ansel Ford married Deborah Tower and their ancestors came to Plymouth shortly after the Pilgrims landed, and in years after their ancestors were among the first settlers and pioneers of Western Massachusetts before the town of Cummington was incorporated, and as the two names became linked in marriage I thought it proper to give the ancestors of Deborah Tower.

All of the descendants of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford are given, with the residence of those now living as far as can be ascertained.

Acknowledgment is hereby made to many friends for valuable assistance rendered in collecting the material which is included in this work.

GEORGE F. FORD.

Blissfield, Mich., Dec. 31, 1909.

FORD GENEALOGY

ANCESTORS OF DEBORAH (TOWER) FORD.

John Tower (1st) Son of Robert and Dorothy Damon Tower of Hingham, Eng.

Baptized May 17, 1609, married Margaret Ibrook, Feb. 13, 1638, in Charleston, Mass.; came from old Hingham, Eng., 1637; died in Hingham, Mass., Feb. 13, 1701. Wife died May 15, 1700. Ten children, all born in Hingham, Mass.

Jeremiah Tower (2nd), baptized March 9, 1645; married Widow Elizabeth Rowland, Nov., 1670. Three children born in Hingham, Mass. The date of Jeremiah Tower (2nd) death not recorded; sometime in 1676.

Jeremiah Tower (3d), born Sept. 10, 1671; married Hannah Hobart in Hingham, Mass., Jan. 3, 1698; died in Hingham, Mass., April 20, 1743. His wife died in Hingham, Mass., Sept. 12, 1749. Four children born in Hingham, Mass.

Peter Tower (4th), born Sept. 14, 1701; married Patience Garnet in Hingham, Mass., May 11, 1727; died in Hingham, Mass., April 21, 1768. His wife died in Hingham, Mass.,

previous to the death of her husband. Eight children born in Hingham, Mass.

Peter Tower (5th), baptized Jan. 19, 1728; married Deborah Stowell in Hingham, Mass., Nov. 25, 1746. His wife died in Cummington, Mass., June 7, 1780. Ten children born in Hingham, Mass.

Peter Tower (5th); married (2nd) Joanna Baker in Cummington, Mass., July 11, 1809. No children. No record when second wife died.

Peter Tower (5th) was in the war of the revolution from the beginning, removed from Hingham to Cummington, Mass., at the close of the war; died in Cummington, Aug. 4, 1814.

Stephen Tower (6th), son of Peter Tower (5th), born in Hingham, Mass., May 24, 1755; married Anna Brooker of Satinate, Mass., April 21, 1776. Thirteen children, three born in Hingham, Mass., ten in Cummington, Mass. Anna, his first wife, died in Cummington Jan. 2, 1821. Married second wife, Mary, who died in Cummington Jan. 2, 1826.

Stephen Tower (6th) came to Cummington, Mass., May 7, 1780; four years after he married Anna Brooker. He built the old Tower House in 1784. Hauled the lumber to build the house from Dalton, a distance of 20 miles, with a yoke of oxen. The nails used in building the house was hand-made, and said to have been made by Hezekiah

Ford, the (5th). Three generations of Towers lived in the old Tower House.

Stephen Tower (6th), died in Cummington, 1826.

Deborah Tower (7th) daughter of Stephen (6th), and Anna (Brooker) Tower, was born in the old Tower House, July 16, 1786. She lived with her parents until June 7, 1807, when she married Ansel Ford the first son of Hezekiah Ford the (6th).



ANCESTORS OF ANSEL FORD.

Andrew Ford (1st), or originally Foorde, was born in Weymouth, England, 1632; was of Scotch parentage. Came to Weymouth, Mass., at three years of age with his father, John Ford, who came as a helper in the family of Henry Kingman, March 20, 1635. Married Elinor Lovell 1656. She was born in Weymouth, England, 1633; was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Lovell, who came over in the same ship with the Kingman family. Before his death he removed to Hingham, Mass., and died there March 4, 1693, leaving a will. Makes bequests to his sons Andrew, Israel, Nathaniel, James, Ebenezer, and heirs of deceased, son Joseph; to daughters Mary Whitman, Silence, Prudence, (wife of Joseph Lincoln), Elizabeth and Sarah.

[Joseph Lincoln, descendant of Samuel Lincoln, came from Hingham, England, to Hingham, Mass., in the same ship with John Tower in the year 1637. Abraham Lincoln was a direct descendant of Samuel Lincoln, and the descendant of John Tower, and Samuel Lincoln became linked in marriage in 1715. Joseph Lincoln, descendant of Samuel Lincoln, became linked in marriage with Prudence, daughter of Andrew Ford, in 1685, thus our relations to Abraham Lincoln the Emancipator is established.]

Andrew Ford (2nd), son of Andrew (1st),

and Elinor (Lovell) Ford, was born in Weymouth, Mass., 1658, married Abiah 1680, (records do not show her parentage). They removed from Weymouth to Abington, Mass., 1681; was one of the first settlers. Died there Aug. 24, 1725, leaving a will, bequeathed to son Andrew, grandson Hezekiah Ford, grand daughter Ruth, daughters Sarah, Joslin, Thankfull, Abiah Vearse and Lydia Whitmarsh; grandsons Andrew Ford, Jacob Ford, Andrew Vearse, and to Silence Staple. (His son Hezekiah died before his father).

Hezekiah Ford (3d) son of Andrew (2nd) and (Abiah) Ford, was born in Abington, Mass., April 3, 1687; married Ruth Whitmarsh in Abington, 1712. She was born March 18, 1691, was the daughter of Ebenezer Whitmarsh who was the grandson of John Whitmarsh Senior, who came from England in the same ship with the Lovells, John Ford and the Kingmans in 1635. Their children were:

Hezekiah, born 1713; Ruth, 1715; Mary, 1717. Was one of the selectmen of the town in 1720.

Hezekiah Ford (3d) married (2nd) Sarah Magoon. Their child was James, born 1721. He died before his father, leaving a will dated Nov. 17, 1721, probated Jan. 1, 1722. He bequeathed to his second wife, Sarah, son Hezekiah, daughter Ruth and asked his

brother, Andrew Ford, to be his executor.

Hezekiah Ford (4th) son of Hezekiah (3d) and Ruth Whitmarsh) Ford, was born in Abington, Mass., 1713; married Deborah Beals in Abington, Mass., 1734. Their children were Hezekiah, born 1734; Amos, 1735; Deborah, 1738; Huldah, 1740; Abiah, 1742.

He was a lieutenant in the army, moved to Cummington, Mass., June 20, 1774; died there 1775, and is buried on Cummington Hill., Mass.

Hezekiah Ford (5th), son of Hezekiah (4th), and Deborah (Beals) Ford, was born in Abington, Mass., 1734; married Sarah Fisher in Abington, Mass., Jan. 5, 1759. Their children were, Hezekiah, born Dec. 29, 1759; Hulda, 1762; Sarah, 1764; Amos, 1766; Huldah, 1769; Chloe, 1772; Ruth, 1774; died 1850.

He was in the French and Indian war, also in the war of the Revolution; was in the battle of Ticonderoga. He made nails by hand for building purposes, moved to Cummington, Mass., June 20, 1774; died there Feb. 8, 1826.

Hezekiah Ford (6th) son of Hezekiah (5th) and Sarah (Fisher) Ford, was born in Abington, Mass., Dec. 29, 1759. He moved to Cummington with his father and grandfather, June 20, 1774, (at 15 years of age). He took part in the war of the Revolution;

married Hulda Cobb in Cummington, Mass., Jan. 23, 1787. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 3, 1842, and lived with his son Cyrus. Died at East Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1848. They were the parents of nine children.

Ansel, born June 27, 1788, died Dec. 21, 1858.

Darius and Cyrus (twins), born May 16, 1790.

Darius died April 6, 1859. Cyrus died April 13, 1864.

Otis (1st), born March 22, 1793, died Oct. 2, 1795.

Hannah, born Nov. 2, 1796, died Nov. 2, 1796.

Delia, born Feb. 22, 1798, died July 3, 1798.

Otis (2nd), born April 26, 1799, died Aug. 28, 1801.

Roxy, born Oct. 9, 1802, died Aug. 18, 1845.

Lewis, born Feb. 20, 1806, died April 29, 1895.



DESCENDANTS OF ANSEL FORD.

Ansel Ford (7th) son of Hezekiah and Hulda (Cobb) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., June 27, 1788; married Deborah Tower of Cummington, Mass., June 7, 1807. He worked mostly at farming and carpentering. He soon had a large family to support and to save anything from his labor were discouraging, but observing that many energetic people were going westward to build up new homes in a country which had heretofore been uninhabited by white men, he started west with his wife, and younger children in the hope of gaining a home which nature and well-being demands. He arrived in Gorham, Lucas county, Ohio, (now *Fulton county, Ohio) in the spring of 1841, with only \$5 in money. He purchased 120 acres of heavy timbered land from which he soon began to realize the hopes of his ambition. He died December 21, 1858.

His wife, Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born

*NOTE.—Lucas county was formed in 1835. Fulton county was formed February 28, 1850, from Lucas, Henry and Williams counties. Gorham township was incorporated in 1837, named after Gorham Cottrell, one of the first settlers in 1835. His son Erastus was the first postmaster. The first postoffice was named Gorham.

in Cummington, Mass., July 16, 1786. She died August 1, 1869.

Their children were:

Deborah, died at birth.

Charles Hosea.

Otis Amos.

Lucius Elmina Franklin (1ts), died at two
two years of age,

Cyrus.

Anna B.

Delia A.

Darius, died at birth,

Franklin (2d).



I. CHARLES FORD.

Charles Ford (8th), son of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., Jan. 22, 1809, married Fidelia Bates of Cummington, Mass., May 20, 1835. He worked at farming and making scythe snaths.

They moved with their children to Richfield, Lucas county, Ohio, in the fall of 1850, locating on a farm. He died in Richfield, September 16, 1889.

Fidelia (Bates) Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., July 4, 1813, died in Richfield, Ohio, May 21, 1879. Their children were Levi B., George F., Eugene F., Lucius L., Lovina B., Charles D., Ellen M.

1. Levi Bates Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., March 19, 1836, moved with his parents to Richfield, Ohio, in 1850, married Nancy Lenardson, of Richfield, Ohio, April 12, 1863. Lives on his farm in Riga, Mich. Their children were:

1. Dorance B., born in Riga, Mich., Jan. 23, 1864; not married; lives on his farm in Palmyra, Mich.

2. James R., born March 16, 1867, died August 25, 1870.

3. J. L., born in Riga, Mich., June 4, 1871; married Savilla Warner, of Ogden, Mich., May

19, 1897. Lives on his farm in Palmyra, Mich. Their child is:

1. Elden L., born in Riga, Mich., Jan. 11, 1899.

4. Ivey L., born in Riga, Mich., Dec. 22, 1878 married J. Harrison Taylor, of Richfield, Ohio, June 6, 1900. Lives on a farm in Riga, Mich. Their children are:

1. Lila M. Taylor, born in Riga, Mich., Sept. 1, 1904.

2. Lynn H. Taylor, born in Riga, Mich., Feb. 18, 1908, died Nov. 10, 1909.

2. George Franklin Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., March 2, 1838; moved with his parents to Richfield, Ohio, in 1850; married Sarah J. Walters of Riga, Mich., November 14, 1861. After marriage lived on his father's farm until the spring of 1868, when he moved on his farm in Riga, Mich.; removed to Blissfield, Mich., October 22, 1902, where he now resides. He was in the Civil War. Their children are:

1. Florence Fidelia, born in Riga, Mich., Oct. 31, 1862; married David E. Owen, of Blissfield, Mich., Nov. 26, 1888. After marriage they lived in Blissfield, Mich., until Oct. 9, 1908, when they moved to Edon, Ohio. He is in the ready made clothing business. (No children.)

2. Charles Randall, born in Richfield, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1863; married Lottie T. Chlander, of Riga, Mich., Dec. 25, 1885. After marriage moved on his farm in Riga, Mich., in 1887. Their child is:

1. Hazel D., born in Riga, Mich., Sept.

14, 1886; married Fred Meeks of Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1907. Their child is:

1. George Thomas Meeks, born May 25, 1908.

Charles Randall Ford married second wife, Laura Collins, of Richfield, Ohio., Oct. 10, 1893; moved from his farm in Riga, Mich., to his farm at Berkey, Ohio, in March, 1908, where he now resides.

3. George Walter, born in Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1867; married Lizzie Mayer, of White House, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1895. After marriage moved on his farm in Riga, Mich.; in September, 1900, he moved from his farm in Riga, Mich., to his farm at Allen Junction, in Sylvania, Ohio; in 1908 he moved from his farm at Allen Junction to Hartland, Huron county, Ohio, where he now resides. Their children are:

1. Luella G., born in Riga, Mich., Jan. 18, 1896.
2. Homer O., born in Riga, Mich., April 27, 1897.
3. Leroy D., born in Riga, Mich., Oct. 16, 1898.
4. Roland G., born in Riga, Mich., Jan. 30, 1900.
5. Arthur B., born in Sylvania, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1901.
6. Lawrence M., born in Sylvania, Ohio, July 13, 1903.
7. Margaret E., born in Sylvania, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1906, died Feb. 16, 1907.
8. Donald I., born in Hartland, Ohio, Aug. 16, 1908.

4. Willie Bennett, born in Riga, Mich., Aug. 22, 1869; married Veronica Bolinger, of Richfield, Ohio, June 4, 1901. After marriage

moved on his farm in Riga, Mich., where they now reside. Their children are:

1. Stanley, born in Riga, Mich., July 12, 1902.
2. Geraldine, born in Riga, Mich., Dec. 11, 1904.
3. Doris, born in Riga, Mich., April 29, 1905.

5. Verne Elwood, born in Riga, Mich., Dec. 11, 1876; married Selina H. Belinger, of Richfield, Ohio, Oct. 21, 1902. Lives on his father's farm in Riga, Mich. Their children are:

1. Willow M., born in Riga, Mich., Aug. 18, 1903.
2. Forest E., born in Riga, Mich., March 6, 1906.
3. George F., born in Riga, Mich., Nov. 9, 1907.

6. L. Bessie, born in Riga, Mich., Aug. 27, 1879; married Arthur T. Baldwin, of of Palmyra, Mich., May 1, 1902. After married moved on his farm in Palmyra, Mich. Their only child was:

1. Helen D., born in Palmyra, Mich., March 25, 1904, died July 31, 1904.

7. Chima A., born in Riga, Mich., Nov 13, 1881; married Hugh E. Norris, of Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1907. He is an engineer on the Lake Shore Railroad. They live at 224 South Detroit avenue, Toledo, O.

3. Eugene F. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., April 5, 1840; moved with his parents to Richfield, Ohio, in 1850; married Pamela Wilson, of Richfield, Ohio, January 1, 1869. After marriage moved on his farm

in Riga, Mich., where he now resides. He was in the Civil War. Their children are:

1. James Marcus, born in Riga, Mich., Feb. 21, 1870; married Emma Dreher, of Riga, Mich., Oct. 3, 1901. He is in the coal and lumber business in Blissfield, Mich., where they now reside. Their child is:

1. Gladys M., born in Blissfield, Mich., June 27, 1905.

2. Hiram Wilson, born in Riga, Mich., Oct. 10, 1871; married Ella I. Ten Eyck, of Blissfield, Mich., Sept. 27, 1894. They reside on their farm in Palmyra, Mich. Their children are:

1. Elsie B., born in Sylvania, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1895.

2. Clayton, born in Palmyra, Mich., Nov. 16, 1898.

3. Malcolm, born in Palmyra, Mich., March 3, 1901.

3. Lewis Cobb was born in Riga, Mich., March 13, 1873; married Grace Clarke, of Richfield, Ohio, October 24, 1900. He is in the mercantile business at Berkey, Ohio. Their child is:

- Marjorie P., born at Berkey, Ohio, July 5, 1906.

4. John was born in Riga, Mich., Aug. 1, 1881; married Maud Bunting, of Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1907. They live on his father's farm in Riga, Mich. Their child is:

- Russell E., born in Riga, Mich., Sept. 30, 1908.

4. Lucius Leroy Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., October 24, 1843; moved with his parents to Richfield, Ohio, in 1850; married Delette Metcalf, of Pike, N. Y., Oc-

tober 24, 1871. He lives on the original homestead farm of Charles Ford in Richfield, Ohio. He was in the Civil War. Their children are:

1. Maria L., born in Richfield, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1872; married John H. Woodring, of Fulton county, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1895. They live in Richfield, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Idola M., born in Richfield, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1896.

2. Fay E., born in Richfield, Ohio, July 19, 1898.

3. Amos D., born in Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1900.

4. Lawson A., born in Richfield, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1903.

2. Infant son, born Jan. 10, 1875, died March 3, 1875.

3. Arvilla S., born in Richfield, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1876; married Gaius J. Lewis, of Riga, Mich., March 30, 1904. They live in Riga, Mich. Their child is:

Elmer E., born in Riga, Mich., Dec. 26, 1908.

4. Infant daughter, born July 19, 1878, died Sept. 6, 1878.

5. Lyman H., born in Richfield, Ohio, June 13, 1879; married Susie E. Brown, of Riga, Mich., March 27, 1907. They live in Richfield, Ohio. Their child is:

Beulah A., born in Richfield, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1908.

6. Garfield, born Nov. 6, 1880, died Jan. 25, 1881.

7. Amos J., born in Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1881; married Merle H. Chandler, of Sylvania,

Ohio, Oct. 18, 1906. They live in Richfield, Ohio. One child:

Clinton L., born in Richfield, Ohio, April 22, 1909.

8. Infant son, born Jan. 6, 1883, died Jan. 15, 1883.

9. Infant son, born Jan. 29, 1884, died Sept. 28, 1884.

10. Mary D., born in Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1885.

11. Infant son, born April 14, 1887, died Aug. 14, 1887.

12. Ella, born Oct. 9, 1888, died Sept. 9, 1889.

Lucius L., Ford's first wife died April 24, 1889; married second wife, widow Mary Ellen Wagonlander, Feb. 18, 1892. Their child is:

Carrie B., born in Richfield, Ohio, Aug. 30, 1893.

Second wife died July 17, 1895.

5. Lovina Bates Ford was born in Cum-
mington, Mass., October 31, 1848; moved with
her parents to Richfield, Ohio, in 1850; mar-
ried John F. Lenardson, of Richfield, Ohio,
October 24, 1871. They live in Richfield,
Ohio. He was in the Civil War. Their chil-
dren are:

1. Fidelia B. Lenardson, born in Richfield,
Ohio, March 4, 1873; married Farley Taylor,
of Richfield, Ohio, June 10, 1896. They live in
Richfield, Ohio. Their child is:

1. John T., born in Richfield, Ohio, Sept.
8, 1900.

2. Myrtle E. Lenardson, born in Richfield,
Ohio, Jan. 11, 1875.

3. Nina F. Lenardson, born in Richfield,

Ohio, Jan. 28, 1884; married Frank R. Tredway, of Metamora, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1907. They live in Richfield, Ohio. Their child is:

Howard W., born in Richfield, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1908.

4. Lula L. Lenardson, born in Richfield, Ohio, March 29, 1886; married Bayliss Griffin, of Richfield, Ohio, March 4, 1908. They live in Richfield, Ohio.

6. Charles Dorance Ford was born in Richfield, Ohio, July 24, 1853; died Mary 23, 1854.

7. Ellen Melinda Ford was born in Richfield, Ohio, May 8, 1858; married Squire Garnsey, of Metamora, Ohio, November 27, 1879. After marriage they lived at Berkey, Ohio; from here they moved to Toledo, Ohio. They now reside at 234 Central Park, West, New York City. Their children are:

1. Olie Garnsey, born at Berkey, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1880; married Rolla N. Soper, of Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 11, 1905. They now reside at Kansas City, Mo.

2. Owen A. Garnsey, born at Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1881; married Florence E. Hall, of Danville, N. Y., April 24, 1906. They live in New York City. Their children are:

1. Ruth, born in New York City, Feb. 25, 1907.

2. Infant daughter, born in Danville, N. Y., April 15, 1908.

3. Florence I., born at Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1892; not married.

II. HOSEA FORD.

2. Hosea Ford, son of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., April 4, 1810; married Jemima Bates, of Cummington, Mass., June 13, 1833. They moved from their native town to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, in March, 1839, locating on a farm. He died in Gorham, Ohio, October 22, 1867.

Jemima (Bates) Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., January 31, 1813; died in Fayette, Ohio, May 16, 1894. Their children were: Ansel B., Austin K., Vesta J., Laura A., Lois B., Deborah I., Horace W., Horatio M., Lewis H.

1. Ansel Bates Ford, born in Cummington, Mass., March 20, 1834; married Hannah M. Ellsworth, April, 1866, who died April 8, 1894. He was in the Civil War. Their child is:

1. Walter Allson, born Dec. 5, 1867; married Mattie M. Garrett, Nov. 25, 1888. Their children are:

1. Howard, born Feb. 12, 1891.

2. Kenneth, born Jan. 29, 1895.

They reside in Toledo, Ohio.

Ansel B. Ford married second wife Susan M. Kenyon April 8, 1887. They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

2. Austin Keys Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., April 22, 1836; married Delia W. Stebbins January 9, 1866. She died July 6, 1887. Hewas in the Civil War. Their children are:

1. Cora, born Oct. 10, 1866; married E. Kefus, Aug. 1, 1900. They reside at Hudson, Mich.

2. William, born March 16, 1869.

Austin K. Ford married second wife Celestia Wesseott Aug. 20, 1890. They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

3. Vesta Jemima Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., May 20, 1838; married William A. Barager July 16, 1857. She died January 26, 1880. Their children were:

1. Lutha Ann, born July 7, 1858; married Wm. H. Pifer Sept. 26, 1876, who died Dec. 15, 1878. She married Clairmont Beavers Oct. 25, 1888. They reside at Jerome, Mich.

2. Alanzo Ford, born Jan. 29, 1860; married Josephine Good in 1883. He died April 7, 1893. They had two children:

1. Leo, born Oct. 10, 1885; married Myrtle Reesberg April 16, 1904. They reside at Jennings, Mich.

2. Burr, born March 2, 1887. Resides at Fort Wayne, Ind.

3. Hosea Lincoln, born Feb. 19, 1861; married Stella Patterson Sept. 25, 1884. Resides at Adrian, Mich. Their children are:

1. Lena, born July 19, 1885; married Hugh Bitely Jan. 6, 1903. They reside at Adrian, Mich.

2. Lula, born Nov. 24, 1887.

3. Vera, born Aug. 11, 1891.
4. Alma, born Nov. 11, 1893.
5. Linford, born Sept. 19, 1902.

4. Leo Austin, born Jan. 10, 1864, died Jan. 16, 1865.

5. Wesley Munger, born Oct. 14, 1871; married Kate Noble Nov. 10, 1897. They reside at Seattle, Wash. Their children are:

1. Vesta Lucile, born Oct. 5, 1898.
2. Edith Kate, born June 4, 1900.
3. Inez Irene, born March 8, 1903.

6. Mary Leona, born March 26, 1874; married Bert E. Jackson Dec. 14, 1891. They reside at Addison, Mich. Their children are:

1. Flossie Leola, born Aug. 6, 1893.
2. George Wesley, born Sept. 3, 1895.
3. Fred Atlas, born March 20, 1899, died March 7, 1900.

7. Wilber Henry, born Dec. 21, 1879; married Louise Conklin Nov. 6, 1901. They reside at Adrian, Mich. They have one child:

1. Helen Irene, born April 1, 1902.

4. Laura Ann Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, February 16, 1841; married N. S. Dewey February 23, 1875. He died June 16, 1900. She resides at Fayette, Ohio.

5. Lois Bates Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, April 24, 1843; married J. W. Binns March 22, 1869. They reside at Fayette, Ohio, Their children are:

1. Carrie B., born in Gorham, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1871; married Walter Hill Sept. 16, 1894. They reside at Monessen, Pa.
2. William C., born in Gorham, Ohio, June

8, 1875; married Lena Dezroff Oct. 1, 1901. They reside at Toledo, Ohio.

3. Harry S., born in Gorham, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1883. Resides at Fayette, Ohio.

6. Deborah Tower Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, September 4, 1845; married Spencer Westfall April, 1868. She died at Fayette, Ohio, July 26, 1881. He died September 9, 1881. Their children are:

1. Edith M., born Aug. 22, 1869; married Otis U. Griffin Dec. 24, 1890. They reside at Wauseon, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Milton S., born Oct. 14, 1891.

2. Cecil O., born Feb. 26, 1896.

3. Horace R., born Feb. 14, 1898.

2. Claud, born June 17, 1875; married Nea R. Crilley July 10, 1906. He died Dec. 8, 1906.

7. Horace Webster Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1847; married Amelia Emerick Oct. 29, 1872. She died Oct. 29, 1897. Their child is:

1. Alford, born June 27, 1874; married Arrilla McClain June 10, 1897. They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

Horace W. Ford married Mary M. Punchers July 18, 1900. They reside at Fayette, O.

8. Horatio Melzo Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, February 10, 1851; married Anna Husted March 17, 1875. He died May 16, 1907. They reside at Toledo, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Jasper R., born Dec. 15, 1875; married

Blanche Bridenbaugh Oct. 18, 1899. They reside at Cleveland, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Leland R., born Aug. 7, 1900.
2. Hildred E., born Jan. 26, 1902.
3. Ruth Natalie, born April 17, 1909.

2. Guy R., born Sept. 2, 1880. He resides at Toledo, Ohio.

9. Lewis Henry Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, October 10, 1853. He resides at Fayette, Ohio.



III. OTIS FORD.

Otis Ford, Son of Ansel and Deborah Tower Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., January 5, 1812; married Orisa Tillson, of Cummington, Mass., at Worthington, Mass., September 6, 1836. They moved from their native town to Shelburne Falls, Mass.; removed to Richfield, Lucas county, Ohio, in 1854, locating on a farm. He died in Richfield, Ohio, January 2, 1886.

Orisa Tillson was born in Cummington, Mass., December 9, 1814. She died in Richfield, Ohio, February 24, 1890. Their children were Susan C., Hulda A., Lewis, Wallace R., Wesley.

1. Susan C. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., August 21, 1837; married George S. Griffin August 9, 1859. She died March 4, 1874. They resided in Richfield, Ohio. Their children are:

1. E. L. Griffin, born Nov. 7, 1859; married Ida R. Bayliss Sept. 4, 1884. Their children are:

1. Bayliss, born July 13, 1885; married Lula Lenardson March 4, 1908.

2. John Shull, born Nov. 21, 1886, died March 4, 1888.

3. Don W., born Sept. 21, 1889.

4. Amber S., born May 14, 1893.

5. George S., born Sept. 20, 1896.

6. Hazel R., born Aug. 14, 1900.
They reside in Richfield, Ohio.

2. Clara Griffin, born July 10, 1861; married William A. Buck Dec. 6, 1879. He died Feb. 24, 1889. Their children are:

1. Arthur J., born Jan. 31, 1881.
2. Elmer B., born Dec. 15, 1882.
3. Ethel V., born Feb. 20, 1889; married Clifford W. Smatts April 4, 1909. They reside in Adrian, Mich.

Clara (Griffin) Buck married second Mervin H. Buck Jan. 20, 1893. They reside in Richfield, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Perry A., born Nov. 11, 1893.
 2. Wayne O., born April 16, 1896.
 3. Mildred A., born Dec. 19, 1900.
 4. Delpha A., born April 4, 1902.
3. Otis U. Griffin, born May 10, 1863; married Edith M. Westfall Dec. 24, 1890. Their children are:

1. Milton S., born Oct. 24, 1891.
2. Cecil O., born Feb. 26, 1896.
3. Horace R., born Feb. 14, 1898.
4. Clair P., born Oct. 16, 1905.

They reside at Wauseon, Ohio.

4. Sarah O. Griffin, born Feb. 23, 1865; married George W. Panches Jan. 14, 1891. One child:

Leo S., born Aug. 17, 1892.

They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

5. Floyd W. Griffin, born March 1, 1871; married Anna Lester June 10, 1893. Their children are:

1. Pearl Adell, born Jan. 25, 1895.
2. Ralph Burton, born March 10, 1897.
3. Paul Edward, born Aug. 5, 1900.

4. Charles Otis, born Oct. 26, 1908.
They reside in Gorham, Ohio.

2. Huldah A. Ford was born in Cumming-
ton, Mass., September 6, 1839; married Mar-
tin H. Collins October 26, 1862. She died
December 30, 1895. They resided in Rich-
field, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Ophelia May, born May 1, 1863; married
George Deppman Dec. 14, 1884. He died
March 27, 1889. Their children are:

1. Emma Grace, born April 5, 1886;
married Dennis W. Drennen May 29, 1907.
One child:

1. Opal L., born June 28, 1909.
They reside in Toledo, Ohio.

2. Martin Clyde, born Aug. 7, 1888;
married Helen Gellette June 30, 1909.
They reside in Toledo, Ohio.

Ophelia May Deppman married second
husband, A. J. Butterfield Jan. 3, 1892.
Their child is:

1. Owen F., born Oct. 14, 1892.
They reside at Richfield Center, Ohio.

2. Jennie Adell, born Oct. 25, 1865, died
March 13, 1872.

3. Laura Ellen, born July 2, 1867; married
Charles R. Ford, of Riga, Mich., Oct. 10, 1893.
They reside at Berkey, Ohio.

4. Nellie Orissie, born April 18, 1869; mar-
ried Charles Richardson June 14, 1885. Their
children are:

1. Paul Collins, born Jan. 8, 1887.

2. Mable Marie, born June 10, 1894.

They reside at McKinley, Isle of Pines. He

died Sept. 4, 1909, at McKinley, Isle of Pines.

5. Burton S. Collins, born Feb. 8, 1872; married Lillian Bolinger Dec. 15, 1897. Their children are:

1. Harold Leroy, born Nov. 8, 1898.
2. Irene L., born Dec. 10, 1900.
3. Ruben, born May 25, 1908.

They reside in Toledo, Ohio.

6. Mary Lurana Collins, born Sept. 29, 1873; married Perry Lenardson, of Riga, Mich., Oct. 10, 1893. Their children are:

1. James Wesley, born Jan. 11, 1899.
2. Lucile, born Jan. 14, 1908.

They reside in Riga, Mich.

3. Lewis Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., February 22, 1841. Died February 24, 1841.

4. Wallace R. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., March 23, 1844; married Julia Eliza Wilson June 2, 1870, at Ai, Fulton county, Ohio. He was in the Civil War. Died March 26, 1889. She died October 21, 1898. They resided at Richfield Center, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Edith A., born June 2, 1871; married E. A. Fuller Feb. 14, 1905.
2. Ella G., born Aug. 12, 1873; married Rev. Ralph Wright Feb. 3, 1904. Their children are:

1. Howard Ford, born Dec. 27, 1904.
2. Edna Lucile, born Oct. 21, 1906.
3. Owen George, born Oct. 1, 1908, died Nov. 22, 1908.

3. Edna A., born June 17, 1876; married

7. Fred Willard Collins, born Nov. 2, 1878.

Arthur C. Wright Dec. 23, 1900. Their children are:

1. Dorothy E., born Aug. 31, 1901.
2. Stanley G., born April 19, 1903.
3. Paul W., born Feb. 16, 1905.
4. Harold A., born Aug. 26, 1907.
5. Marion E., born Aug. 22, 1909.

They reside at Metamora, Ohio.

4. Frances J., born Aug. 19, 1878.
5. Wilson O., born Jan. 24, 1881.
6. Florence E., born Oct. 25, 1883; married John Dawson June 28, 1906. One child:
 1. Helen, born Sept. 5, 1907, died Feb. 5, 1908.

They reside in Fayette, Ohio.

5. Wesley Ford was born in Shelburne Falls, Mass., October 31, 1850. Died July 22, 1854.



IV. AMOS FORD.

Amos Ford, son of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., December 6, 1813; married Electa Ford, of Plainfield, Mass., July 10, 1839. They moved from their native town to Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, October, 1854, locating on a farm of heavy timber. He died in Gorham, Ohio, July 28, 1877.

Electa Ford was born in Plainfield, Mass., 1817. Died in Gorham, Ohio, 1897. Their children are Myron O., Melville D., Dana A., Flora H.

1. Myron O. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., April 26, 1840; married Melissa Robinson, of Ottokee, Ohio, June 26, 1870. They reside in Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Fred A., born March 14, 1871, died June 17, 1892.

2. Clara A., born Mary 3, 1874, died Sept. 23, 1874.

3. H. Ward B., born Sept. 16, 1877, died Nov. 24, 1892.

4. Amos Earl, born Sept. 30, 1879; married Marion Lord, of St. Louis, Mich., Sept. 30, 1903. Their children are:

1. Mahlon D., born May 28, 1904.

2. Marion E., born May 31, 1905.

3. Fola Folette, born Sept. 28, 1906.
 4. Kenneth,
 5. Kermitt,
- twins, born June 21, 1909.

They reside in Gorham, Ohio.

5. Mable M., born May 19, 1881.

6. Mervin Guile, born July 21, 1883; married Florence Chandelier Bowden, of Kittery, Maine, Dec. 9, 1907. One child:

1. Guile H., born Sept. 22, 1908.

They reside in Kittery, Maine.

2. Melville D. Ford was born in Cummington, Mass., August 21, 1841; married widow Elizabeth E. Falkner, of Wauseon Ohio, June 22, 1866. They resided in Gorham, Ohio. He died November 4, 1888. She died May 21, 1898.

3. Dana W. Ford was born in Plainfield, Mass., March 4, 1845. Died, 1853.

4. Flora H. Ford was born in Windsor, Mass., January 29, 1846. Died May, 1855.



V. LUCIUS FORD.

Lucius Ford, son of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., November 9, 1815. In 1838 he walked from his native town to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, arriving there with only \$2.50; married Mary Gorham, of Onondagua county, New York, at Canandaigua, Mich., May 8, 1842. After marriage they settled on a farm of heavy timber in Gorham, Ohio. He sold his farm and March 15, 1865, moved to Morenci, Mich., and went in the wagon making business. March 16, 1876, moved on his farm in Seneca, Mich., April 1, 1897, removed to Fayette, Ohio. Died there October 17, 1897.

Mary Gorham was born in Elbridge, N. Y., April 19, 1820. Died at her home in North Morenci, Mich., January 30, 1904. No children.

One adopted daughter, Norah Elizabeth, married Wilber H. Tripp January 7, 1880, at the home of Lucius Ford at North Morenci, Mich., where they now reside.



VI. ELMINA FORD.

Elmina Ford, daughter of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., March 11, 1818; moved with her parents to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1841; married Benjamin F. Russell, of Gorham, Ohio, January 3, 1843. After marriage they located on a farm in Gorham, Ohio. She died September 1, 1846.

Benjamin F. Russell was born in Rochester, N. Y., March 9, 1818; came to Maumee City, Ohio, in 1841; came to Gorham, Ohio, in 1843. Their children were:

1. Alice, born Oct. 12, 1843, died May 18, 1847.
2. Warren, born May 17, 1845, died May 18, 1845.
3. Clement, born Jan. 26, 1846, died Sept. 17, 1846.

Benjamin F. Russell married second wife, Delia Ann Ford, sister of his first wife.



VII. CYRUS FORD.

Cyrus Ford, son of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford), was born in Cummington, Mass., March 18, 1821; moved with his parents to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1841; married Fannie M. Landis, of Millcreek, Williams county, Ohio, at Millcreek, November 16, 1845. After marriage they located on a farm in Gorham, Ohio. He died August 24, 1868.

Fannie M. Landis was born at Clarance, Erie county, N. Y., August 18, 1825. Their children are: William Otis, Mary Alice, Ansel Landis, Margaret Ann, David, George, Ellen, Viola, John Bird, Addie Velera.

1. William Otis, born October 19, 1846; married Sarah Binns, of Fayette, Ohio, September 11, 1869. They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

2. Mary Alice, born December 26, 1848; married Frank Hicker, of Fayette, Ohio, December 11, 1870. They reside at Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Ed., born Aug. 7, 1873; married Anna Sizer of Springfield, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1900. They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

2. Lena Grace, born March 15, 1879; married Clair Roosa, of Fayette, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1898. One child:

1. Franklin, born Jan. 1, 1903.

They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

3. Ansel Landis, born August 15, 1851; married Anna Humphrey, of Fayette, Ohio, September 20, 1874. They reside at Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Alvah Clyde, born Feb. 18, 1880; married Iva Taylor, of Fayette, Ohio, March 20, 1904. Their children are:

1. Anna Grace, born April 16, 1905.

2. Naomi Irene, born April 23, 1907.

They reside at Hillsdale, Mich.

2. Burmah Rose, born June 22, 1882.

3. Elbert Clare, born Jan. 14, 1886.

4. Demah Anna,

5. Denver Ansel,
twins, born Sept. 25, 1889.

They reside at Fayette, Ohio.

4. Margaret Ann, born March 8, 1854. Died June 15, 1854.

5. David, born July 30, 1855; married Georgiana Nason, of Lucas county, Ohio, June 21, 1877. Their children are:

1. Fannie M., born April 19, 1878; married Wm. Day, of Hudson, Mich., March 28, 1897. Their children are:

1. Clarence, born Dec. 23, 1899.

2. Kenneth, born Nov. 10, 1903, died Sept. 26, 1906.

3. Harold, born Sept. 14, 1906.

They reside at Hudson Mich.

2. Cyrus, born Sept. 24, 1879.

3. Dorson, born Jan. 23, 1883; married Grace

Lippy, of Fayette, Ohio, March 15, 1906.

4. Alice V., born April 29, 1885; adopted by Wm. and Martha Liebfried March 18, 1894; married Fred Keefer, of Morenci, Mich., March 21, 1905. Their children are:

1. Curtis Edwin, born April 26, 1906.
2. Victor Fred, born April 29, 1907.
3. Rose Vivian, born Feb. 27, 1909.

They reside at Morenci, Mich.

5. Willo, born Jan. 28, 1890; reside at Wauseon, Ohio.

6. Forrest, born July 29, 1891; resides at Morenci, Mich.

7. Arthur, died when quite young; date not known.

8. Lulu, died when quite young; date not known.

David Ford married (second) May Squires, of Morenci, Mich., Jan. 28, 1907. One child:

1. Hal D., born July 5, 1909.

Reisdes at Morenci, Mich.

6. George, born November 15, 1859. Died January 10, 1860.

7. Ellen Viola, born October 28, 1861; married Dr. Harry F. Van Buskirk, of Fayette, Ohio, October 26, 1882. Hedied January 1, 1893. One child.

1. Lear, born May 11, 1886; married Nellie M. Parker, of Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1909.

8. John Bird, born December 7, 1865; married Addie Hoig, of Morenci, Mich., Jan-

uary 12, 1887. Their children are:

1. Byram Burr, born Jan. 11, 1888.
2. Bessie Irene, born Nov. 17, 1896.
3. Rupert Paul, born Aug. 19, 1898.

They reside at Morenci, Mich.

9. Addie Velera, born February 17, 1868.
Resides at Fayette, Ohio.



VIII. ANNA B. FORD.

Anna B. Ford, daughter of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Williamstown, Mass., November 27, 1824; moved with her parents to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1841; married Nathan Shaw, of Worthington, Mass., May 11, 1844, in Michigan, by Esq. Huff, of Lucas county, Ohio. She died in Gorham, Ohio, February 28, 1877.

Nathan Shaw was born in Worthington, Mass., April 18, 1820. He left his native town and came to Gorham, Ohio, in 1834. After marriage they located on a farm of heavy timber in Gorham, Ohio. He died in Gorham, October 11, 1902. Their children are: Charles A., John F., Arthur L., Ernest A., Clarence A.

1. Charles A. Shaw, born March 16, 1845; married Margeret Packer, of Morenci, Mich., 1872. He died May 26, 1904. Their children are:

1. Harry C., born Dec. 23, 1875; married Jessie Littlejohn, of Farmer City, Ill., April 2, 1903. One child:

1. Henry Clay Fenton, born at La Junta, Col., Feb. 2, 1904.

2. Cecil Lynn, born May 31, 1878.

3. Ethel Mae, born March 20, 1880; married

Dr. Harry Floyd Vaughn, of Cleveland, Ohio,
April 2, 1908.

2. John F. Shaw, born May 18, 1849; married Sabina A. Bachman April 13, 1871. She died August 16, 1901. Their children are:

1. Leila B., born March 12, 1872; single.
2. Louella, born Jan. 31, 1874; married Fred P. Clark, of Van Wert, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1909. They reside at Van Wert, Ohio.

3. Arthur L. Shaw, born October 17, 1852; married Nancy Smith, ———, 1873. He died June 27, 1907. Their children are:

1. Willie (no date of birth).
2. Pearl (no date of birth); married Sarah Mattern (no date of marriage). One child:
 1. Howard Perry (not date of birth).

4. Ernest A. Shaw, born February 7, 1858. single. Resides at Fayette, Ohio.

5. Clarence A. Shaw, born January 7, 1861. Died November 10, 1862.



IX. DELIA ANN FORD.

Delia Ann Ford, daughter of Ansel and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Cummington, Mass., April 29, 1827; moved with her parents to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, 1841. She was the second wife of Benjamin F. Russell. They were married March 2, 1847. He died April 3, 1897. She resides in Fayette, Ohio. Their children are: Amos Leroy, Leander J., Alice Elmina, Elmina Ann, Leander Fremont, Flora May, Emily Virginia, Mary Ophelia.

1. Amos Leroy Russell, born January 13, 1848; married Eliza Hutchinson February 19, 1871. They reside in Gorham, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Ora Adele, born Dec. 14, 1871, died Oct. 17, 1881.
2. Nellie May, born Aug. 25, 1873.
3. Florence B., born Nov. 29, 1877.
4. Verna G., born Aug. 17, 1880; married William Marzolf, of Fayette, Ohio, March 31, 1905. They reside in Fayette, Ohio.
5. Marvin B., born June 5, 1883.

2. Leander J. Russell, born April 19, 1849. Died April 22, 1851.

3. Alice Elmina Russell, born July 19, 1850. Died December 6, 1853.

4. Elmina Ann Russell, born March 3, 1852. Died August 18, 1870.

5. Leander Fremont Russell, born August 25, 1854; married Mary Higgins February 27, 1884. They reside in Gorham, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Clyde B., born March 29, 1885; married Minnie Ely April 15, 1905. They reside in Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Carl Joseph, born Aug. 18, 1906.
2. Lowel Ely,
3. Lyle Franklin,
twins, born Sept. 5, 1909.

2. Clark, born Dec. 18, 1887; married Cecil Jewel Nov. 24, 1908. One child:

Helen Irene, born Sept. 21, 1909.

They reside in Fayette, Ohio.

3. Mable Russell(born Oct. 9, 1889; married Alva Zuvers March 31, 1909. They reside in Fayette, Ohio.

4. Willow Russell, born March 28, 1895.

6. Flora May Russell, born May 18, 1857; married James Cole December 23, 1878. She died March 4, 1888. Their children are:

1. Iva Grace, born Feb. 27, 1880; married Ira Landis March 11, 1899. They reside in Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Roma Pauline, born May 26, 1900.
2. Wayne J., born Dec. 27, 1902.
3. Bernard Cole, born Sept. 16, 1904.
4. Vaughn Harold, born Aug. 10, 1908.

2. Cora Alva Cole, born Feb. 9, 1882, died Nov. 8, 1895.

3. Howard Russell Cole, born Jan. 24, 1886.

7. Emily Virginia Russell, born October 7, 1860; married J. Edward McCrillis September 7, 1884. He died February 28, 1900. She resides in Fayette, Ohio.

8. Mary Ophelia Russell, born September 12, 1862; married Lewis A. Baker December 25, 1883. They reside in Williamston, Mich. Their children are:

1. Dawson Baker, born April 16, 1885; married Clara Fraas Sept. 29, 1901. They reside in Fayette, Ohio. Their children are:

1. Ruth Baker, born June 24, 1903.
2. Mildred Baker, born Sept. 21, 1905.
3. George Baker, born May 23, 1907.

2. Delia Ann Baker, born Aug. 9, 1887; married Frank Graves Dec. 10, 1908. One child, Nora Bell Welds, by previous marriage. They reside at Williamston, Mich.

3. Benjamin F. Baker, born Nov. 27, 1891.
4. Florence R. Baker, born Oct. 14, 1894.
5. Stanley H. Baker, born Dec. 6, 1896.



X. FRANKLIN FORD.

Franklin Ford, son of Ansel Ford and Deborah (Tower) Ford, was born in Worthington, Mass., December 4, 1831; moved with his parents to what is now Gorham, Fulton county, Ohio, in 1841; married Lydia Rice, of Gorham, Ohio, September 21, 1856. After marriage moved on his farm in Gorham, Ohio. Their children are: Elvin W., Edward F., Louise F., Avery A., Ida M., Albert L.

1. Elvin W. Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, May 30, 1857. In the spring of 1883 he went west and took up a homestead in Faulk county, South Dakota; married Lounetta B. Smith at Lafoon, Faulk county, South Dakota, June 2, 1884, first marriage in county. They now reside on a farm in Mansfield, South Dakota. Their children are:

1. Grace M. Ford, born May 9, 1885.
2. Hazel M. Ford, born May 24, 1887.
3. Glen F. Ford, born April 15, 1889.
4. Harold M. Ford, born Nov. 2, 1894.

2. Edward F. Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, October 18, 1858; in the spring of 1883 went to South Dakota; married Louise M. Person at Standart, Wis., March 23, 1886. They now reside on a farm in South Dakota. Their children are:

1. Guy Lester Ford, born April 10, 1889, died Sept. 23, 1891.
2. Clyde Fulton Ford, born Oct. 2, 1893.

3. Louise F. Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, September 22, 1860; married William H. Dennis, of Franklin, Fulton county, Ohio, December 25, 1882. They now reside in Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio. No children.

4. Avery A. Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, August 29, 1862. Died January 21, 1864.

5. Ida May Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, May 6, 1866; married Levi Kuney, of Gorham, Ohio, April 6, 1892. Their children are:

1. Avery A. Kuney, born July 21, 1897.
2. Ludia L. Kuney, born April 10, 1900.
3. Lenard F. Kuney, born April 10, 1902.

They live ————— Lenawee county, Mich.

6. Albert C. Ford was born in Gorham, Ohio, May 26, 1868; married Dora Smith, of Gorham, Ohio, November 21, 1889. Their children are:

1. Gartha L. Ford, born Dec. 31, 1890.
2. Leo L. Ford, born Oct. 19, 1892.
3. Furman F. Ford, born April 29, 1896.

They reside in Gorham, Ohio.

Franklin Ford's first wife died September —, 1869; married second wife, Mary E. McBride, of Richfield, Ohio; March 28, 1875. Their child is:

1. Lyell R. Ford, born in Fayette, Ohio, May 28, 1889.

They reside in Fayette, Fulton county, Ohio.

A Short History of Cummington, Mass. at An Early Day.

The State of Massachusetts sold to John Cummings, in the year 1762, a tract of land for £1,800, which included the township of Cummington and more land. During the first years of settlement measures were taken to induce parties to purchase land and build here. In September, 1764, the owners of the town agreed to give Charles Prescott one hundred acres of land if he would build a saw-mill on the north end of lot No. 45. This was the first mill in the town, but being back as it was on the hills it soon gave way to the more substantial and easily accessible mills built on the Westfield river, now Cummington Village. The town was incorporated in 1779. The foundation of the old mill can yet be seen and a few rods from it is a clear spot of ground of a few rods square with a hollow place in the center, now grassed over. Nearby are a few old apple trees with moss-covered limbs, and an old lilac bush. This is all

that now marks the spot where Ansel Ford lived after he married Deborah Tower; a majority of their children were born here. What was once his farm and productive is now grown up to heavy timber, but the hills, rocks and hollows, and the brook that used to run the mill is still there. Well up on the hill from the village of Cummington, and before you get to the place where the mill was, is a large stone chimney. Here is where Hezekiah Ford (6th) lived, and where Ansel Ford was born, and about one-fourth of a mile beyond the foundation of the mill was an old house. Twenty-five years ago it was brown and weather-worn, but having still about it many marks of its old-time beauty. It is known as the old Stephen Tower place. The house stood on a steep hill-side so that the rear door entered the second story. Stepping inside I found four large rooms each with a large open fire-place. In the kitchen a large bake oven. In one room I saw the name of Anna Tower, in another Stephen Tower. He was once the owner of the place. He built the house in 1784 and hauled the lumber from Dalton, a distance of twenty miles, with a yoke of oxen. The nails used

in building the house were hand-made, and said to have been made by Heziah Ford (the 5th). In its day it was one of the finest farms in the town. The big, old house with its large chimney, stood firm on its foundation, and overlōoked the little valley below. About it in its day were several out-buildings and two large barns, one now standing and the foundations of the other buildings can yet be seen. One year ago, one room on the first floor and one in the basement of the old house were still hanging to the old chimney; the balance of the house was torn down and taken away. Three generations of Towers lived in this house. The farm is now abandoned, a part of it being used for pasture, and it can be truthfully said that these farms once fed some of the highest intellectual life in the State.





Blissfield Mich
Nov 17, 1913

At Clarch Ford
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of 11 inst with \$5.00 and request for a few books of Ford Genealogy is recd. I send you by mail 10 books, when I wrote you I did not intend you should pay for them, and I thank you for the remittance, this is more money than I have received from the sale of the books before, John Ford of Cleveland gave me \$1.00 for 4 then after I concluded to give them away (because I could not be troubled over selling them one at a time). I sent him 4 more, I now have from the 450 books 20 left, and I thank you again for the \$5.00 but I would much rather you had not sent the money, and hoping this is all satisfactory to you, I am

Respectfully yours
George O. Ford







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